

June 11, 2002

Dear:

As a follow-up on your concerns expressed to Governor Musgrove during the "Capitol for a Day" session in Bay St. Louis, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has worked with the Hancock County Water and Sewer District to rectify your concerns.

The Hancock County Water and Sewer District notified DEQ that the cause of their sewer system overflows was due to tidal waters infiltrating the individual grinder pump stations. The District noted that they were replacing gaskets on the grinder pump stations to alleviate this problem. DEQ received notification by email dated May 9, 2002, that the gaskets have been replaced on all the most "critical" systems and 75 percent have been replaced on the overall system.

If you need additional information or follow-up on this issues, please contact Mr. Don Watts, Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Chief at DEQ, 961-5155.

Very truly yours,

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Policy & Planning Director

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